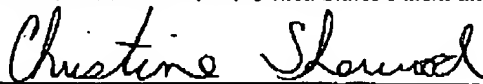


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 8, 2005 for one month(s) from May 8, 2005 to June 8, 2005.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

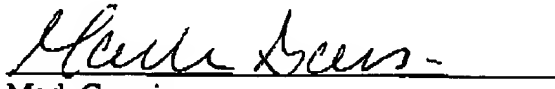
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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